

# Bachelor of Arts, Majors and Minors

## SOCIOLOGY

A Major and Minor are offered

### General Description

Sociologists seek to understand human behaviour and attitudes by examining how these are shaped by history, culture and a society's political and economic arrangements. Sociologists examine how 'macro' issues such as race, class and gender, environmental destruction, and technological innovation are linked to the constraints and opportunities faced by individuals. Of central concern to sociology is the study of social inequality at the local, national and global levels. Sociologists also study how societies change and how such changes affect the life chances of individuals and groups. Sociological research spans a very wide range of subject areas including family, gender, aging, social movements, health, religion, population, science and technology, community development and the natural environment.

The B.A. Major in Sociology is a well-rounded program that provides students with a solid grounding in research methods, sociological theory and the core areas of sociological inquiry including inequality, gender, social change, political economy, family and the self in society.

The B.A. Minor in Sociology can be combined with a Minor in another discipline to fulfil the requirements for the B.A. degree. This is a flexible option that allows students to tailor a program best suited to their educational goals and career aspirations.

### Requirements for a Major

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

**Years 1 and 2:** SOCI 111, 112, 209, 250 plus one additional lower-level Sociology course with a minimum "C+" average grade and no grade lower than "C" in each. (Note: MATH 161 or equivalent statistics course is a requirement for SOCI 351).

**Years 3 and 4:** SOCI 310, 312, 350 (or CRIM 350), 351 (or CRIM 351) with a minimum "C" grade in each, plus a minimum of 18 additional credits of Sociology courses numbered 300 and above. Up to 9 of the required 30 minimum credits may be taken from ANTH 304, 334, 335, 415, 419; PSYC 331, 340, 431; GEOG 340, 344; GLST 390, 391, 490, 491 or other suitable courses within these areas, if students meet the prerequisites for the course(s).

**Please note:** Equivalent-to-Sociology courses from Anthropology, Psychology and Geography noted above cannot be counted as credit in both Sociology and the above disciplines. Also, students who have completed PSYC 300 A & B are exempted from SOCI 351; students who have completed PSYC 304 are exempted from SOCI 350.

### Requirements for a Minor

Students must fulfill all the Institutional B.A. degree requirements, including Degree English Requirements and courses listed below:

**Years 1 and 2:** SOCI 111, 112, 209, 250 plus one additional lower-level Sociology course with a minimum "C+" average grade and no grade lower than "C" in each.

**Years 3 and 4:** SOCI 310 plus 15 additional credits of Sociology courses numbered 300 and above.

Three of the required 15 additional credits may be taken from ANTH 304, 334, 335, 415, 419, PSYC 331, 340, 431, GEOG 340, 344, GLST 390, 391, 490, 491.

## **Recommended Electives**

Electives from any Social Sciences discipline and from History are directly supportive of Sociology. Students planning a Major or Minor in Sociology should seek advice from the B.A. Degree Advisors.

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